Work scenario at garment export units

3672. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Mnister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pathetic work scenario at the garment export units;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey regarding working conditions in the garment export units; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the working conditions in these units and to ensure weekly holidays, working hours and wages as per government's norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Gold coins to EPFO Employees

3673. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the 160th meeting of the CBT of the Employees Provident Fund it has been decided to present gold coins to the employees of EPFO;

(b) if so, the head of account wherefrom the expentiture would be met;

(c) the budget allocation for this purpose; and

(d) the estimated expenditure to be made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to meet this expenditure from "Miscellaneous Office Expenses"–Non-recurring expenditure of EPFO.

(c) Allocation has not been made in Budget Estimate for 2003-2004. It will be made in the Revised Estimates for 2003-2004.

(d) Approximate expenditure as approved by CBT, PF is Rs. 9.47 crores.